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Attorney General Bruning Discusses Final Day of Federal Health Care Reform Supreme Court Oral Argument

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning attended the final day of oral argument on the federal health care challenge before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attorney General Bruning had this to say about today's oral argument:

On the issues covered in today's oral argument:

"Today the court focused on two issues – whether the federal health care law could stand with or without certain provisions, including the individual mandate that forces each American to purchase health insurance," said Bruning. "In addition, the Court addressed the states' argument that the required Medicaid expansion under the federal law is coercive."

On the happenings inside the court room:

"It was clear from the comments made from the bench that this is a unique moment in Supreme Court history. Today, the justices were focused on federalism and congress overreaching its authority."

On the hearings overall:

"I'm more confident now than ever before that our position has been the correct one - by passing this law, the federal government has overreached its authority under the U.S. Constitution," said Bruning. "It's our hope that the Court will strike down the law in its entirety - sending a clear message that federal authority must be limited to the enumerated powers granted by the founders of this nation."

Media links:

Attorney General Bruning's comments on oral argument on severability and Medicaid provision of the federal law: <http://www.ago.ne.gov/media/audio>

U.S. Supreme Court link to audio and transcript of today's oral argument:

http://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/11-400.pdf